

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Report for Lewis Creek in Tazewell County, Virginia. The stream is listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for the General Standard (Benthics).

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

Lewis Creek is located in Russell County and flows through Honaker and the communities of Putnam and Hickory Junction. It is 4.84 miles long and begins at the upstream confluence with Stone Branch and extends to Clinch River.

The final public meeting on the draft TMDL report to address the benthic impairment for Lewis Creek will be held on **Thursday, February 12, 2004, 7:00 p.m.** at the Honaker Town Hall in Honaker, Virginia. The purpose of the study report is to identify sources and determine reductions of pollutants so that the stream can meet the water quality standards.

The public comment period will end on **March 12, 2004**. A copy of the draft TMDL report is available upon request or can be viewed at the DEQ website: <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl/tmdlrpts.html> after February 9, 2004. Contact Nancy T. Norton, P. E. with any questions or information requests. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality, P. O. Box 1688, Abingdon, Virginia 24212-1688, telephone (276) 676-4807, fax (276) 676-4899, or e-mail ntnorton@deq.state.va.us.